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## Commercial Advertiser

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## GREAT BRITAIN'S STATUS.

His Britannic Majesty's Consul W. R. Hoare has received from the Foreign Office copies of King Edward's Proclamation enjoining his subjects to observe strict neutrality during the present state of war between Russia and Japan. The Proclamation can be seen by those concerned at the Consulate and Vice-Consulate, and is of particular interest in view of the cable reports of Great Britain's relations with Russia and Japan.

The document is dated February 11 and sets forth that a state of war is unhappily existing between "His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, and his Majesty the Emperor of Japan; and, whereas, We are on terms of friendship and amicable intercourse with each of these powers; and, whereas, great numbers of Our loyal subjects reside and carry on commerce and possess property and establishments within the dominions of each of the aforesaid Powers; and, whereas, We being desirous of preserving to Our subjects the blessings of peace, which they now heartily enjoy, are firmly purposed and determined to maintain a strict and impartial neutrality in the said state of war existing, and

"We do hereby strictly charge and command all our loving subjects to govern themselves accordingly, and to observe a strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid war, and to abstain from violating or contravening either the laws and statutes of the realm in this behalf, or the law of nations in relation thereto, as they will answer to the contrary at their peril."

In the "Act to Regulate the Conduct of Her Majesty's Subjects during the existence of Hostilities between Foreign States with which Her Majesty is at Peace," passed during the reign of Victoria, there is a provision to the effect that if any person, without the license of the Crown, being a British subject accepts or agrees to accept any Commission or Engagement in the Military or Naval Service of Any Foreign State at peace with England, he shall be guilty of an offense against the Act and shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

The letter of Lord Lansdowne to the House of Lords sets forth: "All ships of war of either belligerent are prohibited from making use of any port or roadstead in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands, or in any of Edward's colonies or foreign possessions or dependencies."

Now that Hilo has been definitely picked for the next convention city she will have to arrange ways and means for providing necessary hotel accommodations for the delegates. Even Walluku was able to offer hotel facilities to the central committee.

Governor Carter appears to be getting a speedy response to his request for public opinion on proposed armory site. Those who have expressed any views at all upon the subject are unanimously opposed to the desecration of the capitol grounds.

If there is a pol trust among the manufacturers here as reported the taro growers of Kona can do no better than to combine and control the market for themselves. Kona grows enough taro to supply all the islands, and if local buyers compel the planters to accept less than living prices, the probable outcome will be the formation of a company to manufacture poi and market their own crop.

Admiral Evans was to have relinquished the command of the Asiatic fleet to Admiral Cooper this month. "Fighting Bob" however, evidently believes in hanging on as long as there is any prospect of action in the Orient.

## Local Weather Service Continues.

The cablegram announcing the establishment of a branch of the United States Weather service in Hawaii will not affect the present meteorological bureau until the close of the year.

R. C. Lydecker, Territorial Meteorologist, received a letter from Chief Willis A. Moore of the Weather Bureau recently, saying that the appropriation for the work in Hawaii would not become available until July 1st. It will take several months to establish the various stations in the islands and Mr. Lydecker does not anticipate the abandonment of the Territorial service until the end of the year. The coming of Mr. Hardin is the result of the efforts of Professor Curtis J. Lyons who made a request that the United States take over the local service many months ago.

## NEW BOOKS AT THE HONOLULU LIBRARY

## RELIGION.

The Papal Monarchy, from St. Gregory the Great to Boniface VIII, by William Barry. (Story of the Nations) The Founder of Christendom, by Goldwin Smith.

SOCIOLOGY, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT, COSTUME AND FOLKLORE.

Two Centuries of Costume in America, by Alice Morse Earle, 2v.

The Relations Between Freedom and Responsibility in the Evolution of Democratic Government, by Arthur Twining Hadley.

The Voice of the Scholar: With Other Addresses on the Problem of Higher Education, by David Starr Jordan.

Reciprocity, by J. Laurence Laughlin.

The People of the Abyss, by Jack London.

The Record of the Red Cross Work on the Pacific Slope.

The Self-Educator in English Composition, by G. H. Thornton.

American Myths and Legends, by Charles M. Skinner, 2v.

## NATURAL SCIENCE.

A New System of Addition, by Seth T. Farnsworth.

Man's Place in the Universe, by Alfred Russel Wallace.

## USEFUL AND FINE ARTS.

The Art of the Pitti Palace, by Julia de Wolf Addison.

Japanese Physical Training, by W. Irving Hancock.

Hand Book of First Aid to the Injured, by Bowditch Morton.

LITERATURE, INCLUDING POETRY.

Shakespeare's Homeland, by W. S. Braggins.

Comedies in Miniature, by Margaret Cerner.

Varied Types, by G. K. Chesterton.

Backgrounds of Literature, by Hamilton Wright Mable.

Appreciations, With an Essay on Style, by Walter Pater.

Imaginary Portraits, by Walter Pater.

Poems You Ought to Know, ed. by Ella W. Peattie.

HISTORY, TRAVEL & BIOGRAPHY.

The Russian Advance, by Albert J. Beveridge.

Old Quebec, by Sir Gilbert Parker and Claude J. Bryan.

The Land of Little Rain, by Mary Austin.

Abroad With the Jimmies, by Lillian Bell.

The New Era in the Philippines, by Arthur Judson Brown.

Handbook of Modern Japan, by Ernest W. Clement.

From Saranac to Marquesas and Beyond, Mrs. M. I. Stevenson.

Hill Towns of Italy, by Egerton R. Williams.

Who's Who in America; a Biographical Dictionary of Living Men and Women of the United States, 1903-1905.

Life of Benvenuto Cellini, Written by Himself, 2v. (Temple Autobiographies).

Memoirs of George Elers, Captain of the 12th Regiment of Foot (1777-1842).

Henrik Ibsen, a Critical Biography, by Henrik Jaeger.

The True Abraham Lincoln, by William Elmeroy Curtis.

Walter Pater, by Ferris Grenset. (Contemporary Men of Letters.)

Recollections, Personal and Literary, by Richard Henry Stoddard.

The Sailor King, William the Fourth, His Court and His Subjects, by Fitzgerald Molloy, 2v.

## FICTION.

The Literary Sense, by E. Nesbit, pseud. (Short Stories.)

Hetty Wesley, by A. T. Queller-Couch.

The O'Ruddy: a Romance, by Stephen Crane and Robert Barr.

The Bondage of Ballinger, by Roswell Field.

Salambo, the Maid of Carthage; Retold from the French of Gustave Flaubert, by Mme. Z. A. Ragozin. (Tales of the Heroic Ages.)

Adventures of Captain Kettle, by Cutcliffe Hyne.

The Mark, by Aquila Kempster.

Barlasch of the Guard, by Henry Seton Merriman, pseud.

Gaston de Latour; an Unfinished Romance, by Walter Pater.

Puddin'head Wilson and the Comedy of the Extraordinary Twins, by Mark Twain, pseud.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Mr. Chuppes and Miss Jenny; the Life Story of Two Robins, by Effie Bignell.

The Merry Links, by Alice Brown.

The Crimson Fairy Book, ed. by Andrew Lang.

A Little Brother to the Bear, by William J. Long.

ter of the men sent to our law-making body. Even with the large ignorant vote here, such revelations must make some difference, and it is a certainty that without such investigations we cannot hope to send better men to the Legislature or control them while there.—The Friend.

## Comment on the Queen's Claim.

It is creditable to the intelligence of the United States Senate that the bill to pay \$200,000 to Liliuokalani, former queen of Hawaii, in payment for the so-called "crown lands," which she lost when she lost her throne, has been defeated. Morally and in the laws of nations, the dethroned queen forfeited her status as a legal claimant when she boldly declared that if restored to the throne she would behead the civilized revolutionists who had deposed her. The United States cannot recognize such a person as entitled to sue in the courts of law, or present claims against it at the bar of Congress.—Army and Navy Journal.

We are glad that the Senate refuses to pay Queen Liliuokalani for the supposed "crown lands" in Hawaii. As Senator Spooner well said, there is no evidence that she ever owned the lands. On the contrary, they were no doubt public lands in the true and usual sense, and not in fact crown lands at all. It would be a robbery of the Kanakas to pay her for them; either that, or the money paid her would be a mere gratuity from the United States.—Salt Lake Tribune.

## A HEARING ON THE COUNTY ACT

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Representative Spaulding, chairman of the subcommittee which has in charge the county bill, has agreed to give a hearing tomorrow afternoon to W. O. Smith and Delegate Kalaniana'ole to ascertain whether it is wise to attempt to reenact that law. Mr. Charles Clark also is working to have the bill reenacted. The Delegate is said to be following a line of action suggested by letters from Gov. Carter.

The Delegate is preparing to make statements to the House Committee on Territories Feb. 18 on several pending Hawaiian bills. He has prepared a lot of matter for presentation to the Committee on that day.

Ex-Archbishop General E. P. Dole, of Honolulu, is still here. He is understood to be a candidate for the place of Justice Gaubraith on the territorial bench, as soon as the term of the present incumbent expires. It is claimed that he has gained the support of many influential people here for the nomination.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

## O'BRIEN LOOKS UP WAR NEWS

Frederick O'Brien, managing editor of the Cablenews, and correspondent of the New York Herald, returned yesterday on the steamship Shawmut from China, where he went to get a nearer view of the war situation, and to arrange for the Far East Press Association a thorough service at the front.

—Manila Cablenews.

## ORTHOGRAPHY OF THIS WAR.

(Continued from page 1.)

best geographic orthography in America and Great Britain is, as stated in the rules of the Royal Geographical Society, that vowels should be pronounced as in Italian, consonants as in English and that "the true sound of the word as locally pronounced shall be taken as the basis of spelling." But what is the true sound of the word as locally pronounced? Metchnikov in his Language map of China, for example, gives eleven principal dialects of the Chinese language as spoken in China proper. A foreigner's idea of the correct spelling of a Chinese place name usually depends upon the particular group of natives with whom he confers. If he adopts the Cantonese pronunciation of the name of China's capital he will say that Peking is the best English approximation of the sound. If he learns the pronunciation from the inhabitants of the province in which the capital is situated he will say that the best English rendering is Peking. He may add incidentally that the name of this province appears on American and British maps as Pechili or Pechili, or Chihli, or Chihli.

A few years ago our board of geographic names ruled that the spelling of "Pekin" should be used in all government publications; but the board was even violently assailed with weighty objections to this orthography, and last year it felt constrained to reverse its earlier decision; so Peking is now the governmental usage in this country.

Another difficulty is that all the Oriental pronunciations seem to Western ears more or less vague and indecisive. As Reclus remarks, Americans and Europeans are constantly struggling to distinguish between l, m, and b, between h and p, between len and lan and between an and in.

It is a sort of go as you please spelling match. The best way for Westerners who are not Orientalists is to adopt the simplest spellings used on good maps. Hyphens have their significance, but they are better omitted than misplaced. Ping-Yang represents the correct sound more nearly to the ordinary reader than P-hjong-Yang. Chifu is perhaps better than Chefoo, and no one need feel injured if the hyphen be omitted.

We can understand what places are meant and worry along very well, even though some of the spellings be truly wonderful. Some day order will be brought out of this chaos; but it may not be until the whole question of the proper local pronunciations and the best phonetic representations of them is submitted to a committee of competent Orientalists whose decisions shall be generally accepted.—N. Y. Sun.

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